

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the claims consistent with the Office Action of June 24, 2003 (Paper 22). Specifically, the claims have been renumbered as directed by Paper 22 and the claims have been amended to answer the rejections raised in Paper 22 and Paper 10. Thus, claims 1-30 have been canceled and claim 31 has been rewritten in independent form with claims 32-39 dependent therefrom.

Paper 22 states claims 40-47 are allowed. No mention is made in Paper 22 regarding claim 48 apart from a rejection in the Office action summary of Paper 22. As the Paper 22 defined the subject matter recited in claims 40-47 to be allowable subject matter and claim 48 is dependent therefrom, it is assumed that 48 is also reciting allowable subject matter and thus claim 48 has not been amended. If the Applicant is in error regarding this assumption, please contact the Applicant's patent counsel.

Claim 49 has been amended to conform to the proper numbering required of dependent claims.

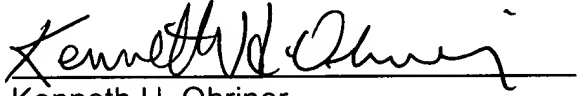
Applicant believes that the amendments place the application in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If any additional

issues need to be addressed to expedite the prosecution of this application, please  
feel free to call the undersigned at (310) 788-3231.

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